AT THE

YEARLY MEETING held in LONDON,

The FIFTH MONTH, 1760.

" THIS meeting desires the Meeting for Sufferings to send copies of the fol-
" lowing PROPOSAL to the Quarterly Meetings; who are earnestly de-
" sired to do their utmost to carry the same into speedy and effectual
" execution.

" And the Quarterly Meetings are desired to make report to the next
" Yearly Meeting, what progress they have made in this affair."

It is agreed by the YEARLY MEETING,

THAT an annual subscription be set on foot in each county by Friends; and as large a sum be raised as conveniently may be, for the encouragement of school-masters and school-mistresses, to be disposed of in the following manner:

Let every school-master receive for every youth under his care, whether as a boarder or a day-scholar, any sum not less than Ten Shillings per annum, payable quarterly, over and above what is usually received as the common price of instruction. In like manner let every school-mistress receive for every child under her care, whether as a boarder or day-scholar, any sum not less than Five Shillings per annum, payable quarterly also; or any further encouragement that each Quarterly Meeting may think necessary.

This is to be understood of those children only whose parents or friends are of the Society.

And in case there should be no Friends school in any particular county, it is nevertheless proposed that the like subscription should be recommended to them. And if what they so raise be not sufficient to induce a master or mistress to open a school or schools in the said county, or the families of Friends lie so remote that it may be impracticable to support any schools amongst them; in this case they are to add their collection to the stock of some neighbouring Quarterly Meeting, as may be most convenient.

By this encouragement it is hoped that many Friends of both sexes will be induced to open schools in divers places where now there are none; and be incited to take vigilant care of those committed to them; as on their character the number of scholars, and of course their advantage, will depend.

But that the benevolence of Friends may as seldom as possible be misplaced, or continued to the unworthy, it is proposed that no school-master or mistress shall receive this benefaction, but such as are approved by the Quarterly Meeting of the county in which such schools are opened.

For this end it is proposed that every school-master or school-mistress, who now teaches, or intends to teach school in any part, and to intitle themselves to the bounty proposed, shall declare their intention to the Monthly Meeting, in the compass of which they design to reside.

That the said Monthly Meeting take notice of the proposal, and direct two or more Friends to make inquiry into the character of the person applying, and make report to the ensuing Monthly Meeting. ---- The Monthly Meeting is then to propose it to the Quarterly Meeting, if no just cause appear to the contrary.

Nevertheless it is not hereby intended to leave this permission intirely in the hands of the Monthly Meeting. But if any master or mistress think themselves not kindly dealt by in any respect, they may be at liberty to apply directly to the Quarterly Meeting, after first acquainting the Monthly Meeting with their intention.

And if any children are sent from a distant Quarterly Meeting to be educated in another, it is not hereby intended that the teachers shall receive the additional sum from the fund of the Quarterly Meeting in which they reside, but from the parents or friends of such children, without lessening their subscription to their own Quarterly Meeting.

And as various inconveniencies arise to the offspring of Friends, from the conversation and example of children of different professions; it is desired that the schools under the care of Friends should be preserved as much unmixed as may be with others.